GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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HEALTH CARD TO SENIOR CITIZENS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of elderly citizens living in the country as on date, State-wise;

(b) whether the medical facility available to them is not at par with services offered in the foreign countries;

(c) if so, the reasons for lack of such facilities;

(d) whether any scheme has been introduced for providing medical health facilities to the senior citizens during the last three years;

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether Government proposes to provide health cards to the senior citizens during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(g) if so, the total amount proposed to be spent on the health care facilities for senior citizens during the Eleventh Five Year Plan; and

(h) the other steps taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government to provide effective medical facilities to the senior citizens?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a)to(h): The number of elderly citizens living in the country as per census 2001 is annexed While in most of the western and developed countries, elderly citizens are normally covered under various insurance schemes in India, the facilities to the aged persons are available in all Government Hospitals and health centres alongwith the general health care delivery system. In some of the Government Hospitals and dispensaries Geriatric Clinics are being conducted to provide comprehensive services so elderly citizens at one place. It is proposed to launch a separate programme for elderly during the Eleventh Five Year Plan.